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1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH EMBASSY'S REQUEST CONTAINED LAST PARAGRAPH REFAIRGRAM, DEPARTMENT REQUESTED AND HAS NOW RECEIVED STATEMENT FROM LOUIS B. SIMS, CHIEF OF US NATIONAL CENTRAL BUREAU OF TREASURY DEPARTMENT, AMERICAN AGENCY AFFILIATED WITH INTERPOL. MR. SIMS' STATEMENT ON US PARTICIPATION IN AND SUPPORT OF INTERPOL IS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE. PURSUANT TO ACT OF JUNE 10, 1938, TITLE 22 SECTION 263A, US CODE, UNITED STATES HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF INTERPOL. IN 1958, ATTORNEY GENERAL DESIGNATED TREASURY DEPARTMENT TO REPRESENT US IN ORGANIZATION. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF TREASURY DAVID R. MACDONALD IS PRESENT US UNCLASSIFIED

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REPRESENTATIVE TO INTERPOL. THE 1975 MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR

UNITED STATES ARE APPROXIMATELY 117,000 DOLLARS ANNUALLY, WHICH IS INCLUDED IN APPROPRIATIONS FOR OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF TREASURY.

QUOTE. INTERPOL, CONSISTING OF 120 MEMBER COUNTRIES, PROVIDES MECHANISM WHEREBY ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY IN UNITED STATES HAVING A FOREIGN INVESTIGATIVE REQUIREMENT, CAN COMMUNICATE THEIR INVESTIGATIVE NEEDS TO APPROPRIATE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY ABROAD.

QUOTE. THE ACTIVITIES AND EFFORTS OF UNITED STATES NATIONAL CENTRAL BUREAU (EACH MEMBER COUNTRY HAS ONE NATIONAL CENTRAL BUREAU) ARE DIRECTED IN THE AREAS OF:

A) PROMPT AND EFFICIENT COMPLIANCE WITH FOREIGN INVESTIGATIVE REQUESTS WITHIN THE EXISTING LAWS IN UNITED STATES;

B) ASSISTING ALL US FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN THEIR FOREIGN INVESTIGATIVE REQUIREMENTS AND

C) INCREASE STATE, COUNTY AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES' AWARENESS AND PARTICIPATION IN SUBSTANTIAL BENEFITS AFFORDED THROUGH INTERPOL MACHINERY.

QUOTE. UNTIL 1969, UNITED STATES CENTRAL BUREAU WAS ONE MAN AND ONE SECRETARY OPERATION WITH APPROXIMATELY 300 CASES HANDLED PER YEAR. THIS BUREAU IS NOW STAFFED BY PERSONNEL FROM FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND HAS A STAFF OF NINE PEOPLE, CONSISTING OF THREE FEDERAL INVESTIGATORS, ONE TRANSLATOR, AND AN ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF OF FIVE PERSONS, WHICH INCLUDES A COMMUNICATIONS OPERATOR.

QUOTE. THE UNITED STATES REPRESENTS THE AMERICAS ON THIRTEEN MEMBER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF INTERPOL WITH A CAREER LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIAL AS THE MEMBER, MR. H.S. KNIGHT, DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE.

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Q'OTE. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, WHICH MEETS ONCE A YEAR, IS STRONGLY SUPPORTED BY ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES WITH THE DELEGATION FOR THE ASSEMBLY HELD IN SEPTEMBER 1974 CONSISTING OF OFFICIALS FROM OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF TREASURY, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, US CUSTOMS SERVICE, DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION, BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND FIREARMS, FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION, IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE AND FEDERAL

BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.

QUOTE. THE UNITED STATES HAS JUST PROVIDED FUNDS
IN AMOUNT OF 135,000 DOLLARS TO PLACE INTERPOL LIAISON
OFFICERS IN SOUTH/CENTRAL AMERICA AND SOUTHEAST ASIA FOR
PURPOSE OF REPORTING TO SECRETARY GENERAL OF INTERPOL
AND ASSISTING LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN SUPPRESSION
OF ILLICIT DRUGS.

QUOTE. THE UNITED STATES NOW HAS A FEDERAL LAW
ENFORCEMENT AGENT ASSIGNED TO INTERPOL GENERAL SECRE-
TARIAT IN ST. CLOUD, FRANCE ON FULL-TIME BASIS.

QUOTE. A MESSAGE FROM GENERAL SECRETARIAT OF
INTERPOL, DATED NOVEMBER 18, 1974, READ IN PART,
QUOTE WE ARE PERFECTLY AWARE OF AND GRATEFUL FOR INCREAS-
ING US SUPPORT FOR INTERPOL, BUT IT MAY TAKE TIME FOR ALL
COUNTRIES TO APPRECIATE DEVELOPMENTS. QUOTE. UNQUOTE.

2. EMBASSY STOCKHOLM MAY WISH TO BRING MR. SIMS' STATE-
MENT TO ATTENTION OF SWEDISH NATIONAL POLICE COMMISSIONER
PERSSON AND OTHER LOCAL OFFICIALS INTERESTED IN US POLICY
TOWARD AND PARTICIPATION IN INTERPOL ORGANIZATION. INGERSOLL

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